

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: EZUMI, et al.

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD, AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING CAR BODY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination
thereof, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph between the title and the
heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":

--This application is a Divisional application of application Serial No.

09/915,354, filed July 27, 2001.--

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